

Besides starting his own business, Mr. Webb has also worked with elected officials in the Kentucky State Legislature on behalf of individuals with disabilities. In 2003, the Kentucky State Legislature passed the Kevin Webb and Kim Brown Self-Determination Act to require the Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities to make recommendations to the Department of Medicaid Services for the implementation of a self-determination model for individuals who are receiving services through the Supports for Community Living waiver program.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Webb for his hard work and dedication as he celebrates the two year anniversary of opening Webb/Taylor Horseback Riding and Boarding. Mr. Webb is truly an inspiration to all Kentuckians and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

2009 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Ms. Kelly McCormick and Ms. Jeannie Luersen on their selection to participate in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, to be held February 6 to 13, in Boise, ID. Over 3,000 athletes from 85 countries will compete in 7 sports: Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, snowboarding, snowshoeing and speed skating.

Ms. Kelly McCormick has been a Special Olympics athlete for 17 years. She serves as a global messenger, speaking on behalf of the program at many public events. Ms. McCormick will compete in the Alpine Skiing event. This will be her first time participating in the world games.

Ms. Jeannie Luersen has participated in the Special Olympics program for 25 years. This will be her second straight year at the World Games. Having won a Gold Medal in figure skating at the 2005 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, Ms. Luersen will compete again in the figure skating event.

Special Olympics is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year as an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Ms. McCormick and Ms. Luersen represent Special Olympics Kentucky, which is celebrating its 36th year.

I congratulate Ms. McCormick and Ms. Luersen on their achievements. They are an inspiration to the citizens of Kentucky and to athletes everywhere. I look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the future.●

COMMEMORATING LINTHICUM HEIGHTS

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Linthicum Heights, MD, on its 100th anniversary.

Linthicum Heights is a suburb of Baltimore that is also located near Annapolis and Washington, DC. Close to rail lines and good roads, Linthicum offers location without sacrificing its suburban character and historic property.

Linthicum is on the National Register of Historic Places. The community was farmland until 1908, when the descendants of Abner Linthicum decided to sell the farm land for houses. They created the Linthicum Heights Realty Company and named their development Linthicum Heights. Many of the original homes on the farm property remain. Two of the most famous are Turkey Hill, built in 1822 by William Linthicum, and Twin Oaks, which was home to U.S. Congressman John Charles Linthicum, who represented the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland from 1911 to 1932. U.S. Representative Linthicum was a sponsor of the legislation that named "The Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem.

Today, Linthicum's location and its historic nature remain its charm and attraction. Easy access to Baltimore, Washington, DC, and Annapolis and its close proximity to Baltimore Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport, Fort George G. Meade, Goddard Space Flight Center, and numerous other Federal facilities make Linthicum a desirable place to live.

The residents of Linthicum Heights as well as the Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, the Linthicum-Shipley Improvement Association, the North Linthicum Improvement Association, business leaders, and government officials are to be congratulated for their appreciation and steadfast support of Linthicum Heights and its history.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Linthicum Heights on its 100th anniversary.●

HONORING DR. EMMETT BUELL

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a remarkable professor, scholar, and author, Dr. Emmett Buell of Denison University in Granville, OH. Today, April 28, 2008, Dr. Buell will teach his final class before stepping down as a full-time professor.

Professor Buell received his Ph.D. in political science from Vanderbilt University after earning his undergraduate and M.A. at Louisiana State University. He has taught at Denison since the 1969 to 1970 academic year and has directed the Richard G. Lugar Program in Politics and Public Service since its inception in 1995. This program provides students with opportunities to study various aspects of public policy, combining classroom instruction with the practical application of these studies through an internship experience. As of July 2007, about 110 students in the program will have served as interns in congressional offices. Given his exemplary leadership and record of suc-

cess, Dr. Buell was subsequently installed as the inaugural holder of the Richard G. Lugar Chair in Public Policy on April 21, 2006.

Dr. Emmett Buell is a nationally recognized expert in the political science field and specifically on Presidential selection and negative campaigning in Presidential elections. He has authored, coauthored, or coedited four books, including "Attack Politics: Negativity in Presidential Campaigns Since 1960". Emmett also has authored or coauthored articles and research notes in the American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, American Politics Quarterly, Urban Affairs Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, and the Journal of Law & Politics. In addition, he has written chapters for books edited by others on such topics as the invisible primary, the New Hampshire primary, the changing role of national party conventions, and news coverage of Presidential aspirants.

Outside of his impressive list of experiences and skills, I know Emmett to be an individual of high integrity and character. He is idealistic, while remaining grounded in the practical. He is serious and thoughtful, while maintaining a sense of humor. He is generous with his time and attention, without losing his focus and personal discipline.

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Buell has been an inspirational mentor to hundreds of students. His office door has always been open, and he makes every effort to assist, promote, and encourage those who seek guidance. I have heard from many individuals, including those who have worked in my own office, that they would not be in their employment positions today if it were not for his assistance. Likewise, I know that he is immensely proud of these students and their accomplishments.

Dr. Buell is also legendary on the Denison campus for his devotion to personal fitness and mastery of racquetball. He has encouraged numerous student challenges on the racquetball court throughout his career and has almost always been on the victorious side.

Mr. President, I was pleased to join with many of these former students, along with numerous faculty and friends, in celebration of Emmett's career at a retirement ceremony on Saturday, April 19, 2008. I am delighted that this event provided a forum to share our admiration for his years of service and contribution to Denison University.●

TRIBUTE TO INDIANA STATE SENATOR DAVID C. FORD

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish to honor the memory of an outstanding Hoosier, IN, State senator, David C. Ford.

Representing Senate District 19, David Ford served in the Indiana Senate from 1994 until his death from pancreatic cancer on March 5, 2008. His colleagues in the Indiana Senate have lost a dear friend and insightful leader. Public officials across the State will remember him as a tireless advocate for technological innovation. However, the breadth of his knowledge extended to education, agriculture, and judiciary policy as well. In short, he was an able and devoted legislator who performed his duties with intelligence, vigor, and integrity.

Prior to being elected to the Indiana Senate, David Ford served as prosecutor in Blackford County, IN. He was also an accomplished pilot, an active member of the American Agriculture Law Association, a board member of Dollars for Scholars, and the recipient of many State and national awards.

I remember many wonderful visits with David over the years. I was always grateful for his wisdom and counsel, and I hope you will join me in paying tribute to State Senator Ford. May his wife Joyce and his many friends and family members continue to find love and comfort in the memory he has left us.●

HONORING THE SENIORS' RESOURCE CENTER

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish to honor the 30th anniversary of the Seniors' Resource Center, SRC, in Jefferson County, CO. For three decades, the SRC has delivered critical services to the aging and disabled communities in the Denver metropolitan area through a variety of innovative programs. I salute Jon Zabawa, president and CEO of SRC, his staff, and the many volunteers who have made the Center what it is today.

From its inception as an extension of the Jefferson County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, tasked with providing transportation assistance to the elderly, SRC has consistently received awards and acknowledgements for its terrific services. The National Council on Aging has named SRC one of its five Best Practices Organizations. The National Senior Citizen Education and Research Center has recognized SRC for "outstanding performance in the Senior Aide Program and in enrollment, budget management, and placement." In 2002, SRC was the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies' Mid Transportation System of the Year. In 2004, they were the winners of the Community Transportation Association of America and the Beverly Foundation's "Search for Innovation in Senior Transportation Award." Most recently, the center won the first-ever Non-Profit of the Year Award from the West Chamber of Commerce.

Over the last 30 years, SRC has worked to steadily improve and expand its programs. The organization has grown beyond Jefferson County to 10 other metropolitan counties. Today,

more than 100,000 Colorado citizens have access to SRC's services, including adult day and respite services, in-home care, transportation, care management, referrals to community partners, and job training programs.

In the year 2010, there will be more than 770,000 seniors age 60 and over in Colorado, making organizations such as the SRC even more vital to the health of our communities. I am very proud of SRC's work, and I look forward to several more decades of their service to the community.●

WORKER EDUCATION

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I highlight the importance of acknowledging and celebrating extraordinary efforts by Americans who have led the way in protecting and preserving America's natural resources. I am honored to congratulate three educational institutions in my State of Oregon. Columbia Gorge Community College, Lane Community College and the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Recently, Columbia Gorge Community College received \$1.6 million to support the college's community-based job training program to develop skilled technicians for renewable energy facilities such as wind, solar, hydropower and biofuels production. The funding is part of the Department of Labor's Community-Based Job Training Grant Initiative to help community colleges provide area students and workers with the skills needed to stay competitive in up-and-coming industries. The program is the only one of its kind on the west coast. Just in the Pacific Northwest, developers of wind energy facilities will need 300-500 additional workers in the next decade. Since the fall of 2007, Columbia Gorge Community College has offered a 1-year certificate and a 2-year associate of applied science degree in renewable energy technology.

Lane Community College in Eugene, OR, was recently commended for their certificate and 2-year degree programs which train students in energy management and renewable energy. Graduates of the program are in high demand by renewable energy companies. Lane Community College is quickly gaining recognition as a national leader in sustainability and has won five awards in the past 2 years, including the Campus Sustainability Leadership Award from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and the Outstanding College Recycling Program Award from the National Recycling Coalition.

The Oregon Institute of Technology, OIT, also has earned distinction for offering the Nation's first 4-year undergraduate degree program in renewable energy. The institute is on track to graduate the first class of students this year. Graduating students can seek employment in variety of fields including design, engineering, installation, auditing and programming within the renewable energy sector. Additionally,

OIT is working to become the only college campus in the world to be completely powered by geothermal energy.

I believe that we have a responsibility to encourage efforts to increase the availability of renewable energy and conserve our natural resources. Oregon continues to build on a long history of innovation in environmental policy and practice. These community colleges are leading the way in educating these workers and providing highly skilled workers to the rapidly expanding renewable energy sector in our State and the Nation. I commend them for their efforts and pledge my full support as they move forward.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK H. RHYNER

● Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, last week Jack Rhyner lost his courageous battle against cancer, and Alaska lost a pioneer in our telecommunications industry and I lost a very good friend.

As a young man, Jack worked alongside his father, Richard Rhyner, as he founded TelAlaska. At 16, Jack salvaged telephone equipment damaged in the Fairbanks flood of 1967. Using emery boards to smooth out the gold points on the mechanical switches and high-pressure water hoses and brushes, he cleaned and repaired each component.

Jack and his dad used that salvaged equipment to build the first telephone system in Fort Yukon. Until then, residents of that village shared a single phone line at the airport. Today, more than 300 residents have private lines in their homes and access to DSL Internet service.

In 1982, Jack took leadership of Interior Telephone. Over the years he worked with his wife Donna developing and expanding TelAlaska into a statewide, modern company connecting many of our rural villages to phone service for the first time. Jack's commitment and hard work resulted in dozens of villages—most of them inaccessible by road—becoming connected to the world by telephone systems. In addition, TelAlaska provides DSL service to 12 villages and cable service to 4 small communities including my own hometown of Girdwood.

Jack was appointed to the FCC's Rural Task Force where he worked tirelessly to ensure affordable rates and reliable service in Alaska. As a respected leader in Alaska's telecommunications industry, Jack was often called upon to share his insight into our State's unique communications challenges with Congress, State, and Federal agencies.

Jack's contributions to the advancement of telecommunications in Alaska earned him the prestigious Kaguyak Award from the Alaska Telephone Association. The Western Telecommunications Alliance recognized Jack's dedication to rural telecommunications with the President's Award.

A true Alaskan, Jack was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed spending